

August 15, 1961

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on August 15, 1961, at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

Present: B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, W.R. Hamner, J.C. Holcomb, Frank Horsman

Also Present: C.F. Jester, City Manager, W.T. Bowen, City Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Montie Meeks as spokesman for a delegation from Murphy Street appeared before council, requesting that Murphy Street between Ridge Avenue and Henry Street be widened and paved. Mrs. Fred Greear also spoke regarding this matter and in addition requested that Spruce Street connecting with Highland Avenue and Henry Street be widened and that something be done to alleviate the dust on Henry Street caused by the laying of pipe lines. #19

In connection with the surfacing of Murphy Street, the City Manager was instructed to confer with Mrs. Randolph Fleming Kilgore regarding the Fleming Land Corporation Sbu-division.

Council directed the City Manager to investigate the situation leading into and out of Spruce Avenue between Henry Street and Highland Avenue and report to council at its next regular meeting.

Mr. Burlie Lioutzi appeared before council requesting permission for the issuance of an on-off premise wine and champayne license for the Liberty Cafe. #1975

Action on this request was deferred until an opinion from the City Attorney is given.

Mr. Don Earls appeared before council requesting that ditch running through the Earls' property on Kline Avenue be piped and covered. After a lengthy discussion and upon motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved that the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney and that they confer with the property owners and work out something and report back to the City Council at its next meeting. #1976

Mr. Jester presented a request from Dr. J.D. Cregar, Health Director for Wise County and the City of Norton for a leave of absence from September 11, 1961 to June 8, 1962 to attend college. #1977

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by W.R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote, Dr. J.D. Cregar was granted a leave of absence for the above date.

Leave of Absence for Health Director

Whereas, Dr. J.D. Cregar, Director of the Norton City Health Department, has advised this Council that he desires to further his training in the field of Public Health by attending the University of North Carolina, during the period September 11, 1961 to June 8, 1962; and,

Whereas, the said Dr. J.D. Cregar has requested a leave of absence from his duties as Director aforesaid, during that period.

Now, therefore, upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, be it resolved that Dr. J.D. Cregar, Director of the Norton City Health Department, be extended and allowed a leave of absence during the period beginning September 11, 1961 and ending June 8, 1962, and that he be excused from his duties during said period as such director.

s/ Jo. Nosler, Clerk of Council

On motion by Frank Horsman, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by #1978 unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution creating the Lee-Norton-Scott-Wise Redevelopment Authority, was passed.

On motion by B.E. Ball, seconded by W.R. Hamner, council moved to pay #1979 John Wireman \$4.00 for sharpening cross-cut saws for the City in 1957. B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, J.C. Holcomb, W.R. Hamner, voting YEA. Frank Horsman, NAY.

Mr. Jester gave a report on the Norton Planning Commission meeting #1980 and the requests of the Commission. These requests were referred to the City Attorney for study and report back to City Council.

Mr. Jester asked permission to attend the International City Manager's #1981 meeting in Miami, Florida, November 26th-30th. On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by A.O. Umstead and carried by the following votes, Mr. Jester was granted permission to attend the International City Manager's Association in Miami, Florida, November 26-30th. B.E. Ball, W.R. Hamner; A.O. Umstead, J.C. Holcomb, voted YEA; Frank Horsman, voted NAY.

Mayor Ball requested permission to attend the American Municipal #1982 Association in Seattle, Washington, August 26-30th. On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by W.R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that Mayor Ball be granted permission to attend the American Municipal Association and the City of Norton contribute to Mr. Ball's expenses to Seattle, a sum not to exceed \$500.00.

Mr. Jester presented an equipment rental plan for the City of Norton. #1983 On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by W.R. Hamner and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the equipment rental plan as presented by Mr. Jester be adopted with the effective date July 16, 1961.

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by #1984 unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the accounts now due the City by individuals for services rendered, including equipment rental be collected. They suggested that a letter be written by the City Manager to these individuals and if no response the accounts be turned over to the City Attorney to collect as he deems advisable.

The City Manager discussed with council the need for repair at the football stadium. This matter was discussed at length at which time council instructed the City Manager to contact Mr. Levicki to see if funds were available from the Athletic Fund to help defray part of the expense of this repair. The City Manager was directed to get this work underway as soon as possible. #1985

On motion by Frank Horsman, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #1986

Resolved that in complying with order of Judge M.M. Long, Jr. under date of July 27th, fixing salaries of the City Council and Mayor, effective July 1, 1961, the sum of \$600.00 shall be deducted from Contingency Fund (Account 18) and added to Legislative Dept. (Acct. 1) in the 1961-62 Budget.

The City Manager presented a request of the Norton Merchant's Association that the Christmas lights be installed by November 22nd at the opening of the Christmas season. This matter was referred to the City Manager. #1987

The City Manager read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. John Henry of Camp Bethel for the use of the Norton Swimming Pool this summer. #1988

The caution light on 6th and Oak Avenue was discussed. Matter referred to City Manager. #1989

The City Manager advised council of need for storage tanks for asphalt for late patching. Council directed the City Manager to look into this matter further and prepare a proposed program for a period of a few years. #1990

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Frank Horsman and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to borrow \$20,000.00 from the First National Bank of Norton, said funds to be used for the purchase of lot and building of residence for the City Manager. #1991

Mayor Ball advised council that he did not borrow the \$3,000 pursuant to resolution on July 18, 1961 minutes for purchase of lot for City Manager's residence. #1992

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a contract with the Virginia Supply Company to construct a residence on Lot 7, Block 57, Chestnut Street for a sum not to exceed \$16,995.00 and to take the necessary steps to complete the transaction according to plans and specifications as approved by the committee appointed, namely, Mayor Ball, Russell Hamner and Frank Jester, the City Manager. #1993

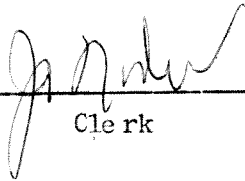
On motion by B.E. Ball, seconded by Frank Horsman and carried by #1994 unanimous roll call vote, council moved that Frank Jester and W.R. Hamner be delegated by the Council to make proper inspections of the residence of the City Manager.

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by W.R. Hamner and carried by #1995 unanimous roll call vote, the City Manager and City Attorney were directed to go as far as the law allows in collecting both Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes.


The Mayor advised council that the City Manager, City Attorney and #1996 Mayor would be out of town on the date of the next regular council meeting. Council agreed to have this meeting on September 12, 1961.

The City Manager was authorized by the City Council to spend up to #1997 \$600.00 toward the purchase of an automobile for the City Manager's use. The \$600.00 appropriated for City Manager's Automobile allowance is to be used for that purpose.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned at 11:15 P.M.



Clerk



Mayor